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SUMMARY. LABOR DAY CONCENTRATION TO BE CARRIED OUT UNDER EXTENSIVE SECURITY MEASURES. ALTHOUGH THERE EXISTS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY ORGANIZED PLAN FOR VIOLENCE, PROXIMITY OF RIGHTIST LABOR AND LEFTIS YOUTH GROUPS COULD RESULT IN SPONTANEOUS ACTS OF VIOLENCE. END SUMMARY

1. MAY 1 LABOR DAY CONCENTRATION IN PLAZA DE MAYO WILL TAKE PLACE UNDER MOST EXTENSIVE SECURITY MEASURES SINCE RETURN PERON TO ARGENTINA. MEASURES INCLUDE COMPLETE RESTRICTION VEHICULAR TRAFFIC WITHIN SEVERL BLOCKS RADIUS OF CONCENTRATION AND PLANNED BODY SEARCHES OF ALL WHO ENTER THE PLAZA. SEVERAL THOUSAND POLICE AND OTHER SECURITY PERSONNEL WILL OCCUPY 70 YARD AREA BETWEEN CASA ROSADA AND CROWD. LABOR, YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC WILL OCCUPY SPACE IN THE
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PLAZA ON "FIRST COME FIRST SERVED" BASIS. PRECEDING PROCEDURE

DECIDED UPON IN ORDER TO DIFFUSE LEFTIST YOUTH DEMANDS THAT THEY BE ASSIGNED SPECIFIC SECTION OF PLAZA. THE ONLY SCHEDULED EVENT DURING PROGRAM IS SPEECH BY PRESIDENT PERON.

2. THEME OF CELEBRATIONS IS "NATIONAL UNITY OF ALL ARGENTINES", AND ORGANIZERS STRESS THAT WORKERS SHOULD BRING WIVES, CHILDREN, PARENTS AND GRAND PARENTS TO THE PLAZA. SPECIAL INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO ALL POLITICAL, CHURCH, GOVERNMENT, MILITARY AND BUSINESS LEADERS, WHO WILL USE SPECIAL BLEACHERS IN FRONT OF CASA ROSADA.

3. DESPITE FACT EVENT STRESSES NATIONAL UNITY, LEFTIST YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS (JP, MONTONEROS, ETC) HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL USE OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION PERON ON HIS LEADERSHIP AND PRESENCE "GORILAS" IN GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH ALL BANNERS EXCEPT TRADE UNION AND ARGENTINE FLAGS HAVE BEEN FORBIDDEN, THOSE GROUPS STATED THEY INTEND TO CARRY THEIR OWN BANNER. LABOR SOURCES INDICATE THAT THEY ARE FEARFUL THAT YOUTH GROUPS WILL CREATE DISTURBANCES DURING CONCENTRATION. WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THE JP EXPECTS ORGANIZED LABOR TO CONFRONT THEM, AND THAT THEY ARE GOING "PREPARED TO DEFEND THEMSELVES".

3. COMMENT. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF ANY ORGANIZED PLAN TO CREATE VIOLENCE DURING THE ACTIVITIES; HOWEVER, THE PRESENCE OF ANTAGONISTIC GROUPS, JAMMED TOGETHER IN THE PLAZA, CAN VERY EASILY CREATE A SITUATION WHEREBY SPONTANEOUS VIOLENCE WILL OCCUR. LABOR LEADERS NORMALLY CARRY WEAPONS, AND ANY DISTURBANCE COULD EASILY DEVELOP INTO A GUN FIGHT. HOWEVER, BARRING UNFORESEEN INCIDENTS, WE EXPECT ANY DISTURBANCES TO BE RELATIVELY MINOR ONES WHICH SHOULD BE RAPIDLY CONTROLLED BY SECURITY FORCES.

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